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# OHIO

## WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS SUMMARY

### OHIO CROP-WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the State was 68.9 degrees, 11.2 degrees above normal for the week ending Sunday, October 6. Precipitation averaged 0.45 inches, 0.27 inches below normal. Growing degree days were 41 points above normal.

Reporters rated 5.3 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven-day period ending Friday, October 4. This is 0.8 days less than last year but equal to the five-year average. Topsoil moisture was rated 16 percent very short, 32 percent short, 49 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus.

Days Suitable

	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 <sup>st</sup> week of April
2002	5.3	5.1	128.5
2001	6.1	3.7	128.1
1997-2001 Average	5.3	5.2	132.2

Topsoil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	16	32	49	3
Last Week	27	32	33	8
Same Week Last Year	8	22	67	3
1997-2001 Average	9	25	57	9

### FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY OCTOBER 6

Agricultural producers across the Buckeye State continued their harvesting activities last week and made good progress with winter wheat planting. Pastures and hay fields

continue to show improvement as a result of recent rains, and the majority of the State’s livestock are currently rated in fair-to-good condition. As of Sunday evening, virtually all of the **Corn** acreage had reached the denting stage, and 71 percent is considered mature. Fifteen percent has been harvested for grain, slightly ahead of last year’s pace and equal to the five-year average. The main concerns for producers at this time are lodging and molding of some late planted acreage. Ninety-seven percent of the State’s **Soybean** acreage was dropping leaves by week’s end, and slightly over three-fourths is considered mature. Producers have harvested 33 percent of the acreage compared to 39 percent at this time last year and 42 percent for the five-year average. Early yields have been highly variable across the State. **Winter wheat** growers made excellent progress last week with an additional 31 percent of the intended acreage seeded. Progress is slightly ahead of both last year and the five-year average and 9 percent has emerged. Seventy-eight percent of the **Alfalfa** acreage has been harvested for the fourth time while 90 percent of the third cutting of all **Other hay** is complete. Eighty-eight percent of the State’s **Potato** acreage has been harvested, while only 4 percent of the **Processing tomatoes** remain in the field. An additional 12 percent of the **Fall Apple** crop and 15 percent of the **Grape** acreage have been harvested. Other agricultural activities taking place included, harvesting and stripping tobacco, spreading lime and fertilizer, working ground, harvesting pumpkins, spreading manure, and cleaning grain bins.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

Pastures continue to show improvement with 43 percent now considered in fair to good condition, but the majority remains in very poor-to-poor condition and in need of additional moisture. Most livestock are in fair-to-good condition but many producers continue to move cattle to market due to poor pasture conditions and reduced hay stocks. Last week’s above normal temperatures have increased the risk of pneumonia in both cattle and hogs.

PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY OCTOBER 6

Crop	2002	2001	1997-01 Average	Previous Week	
				Ohio	U.S.
Alfalfa hay 4 <sup>th</sup> cutting	78	72	NA	60	NA
Corn dented	98	100	99	93	NA
Corn mature	71	73	75	51	83
Corn harvested for grain	15	11	15	7	20
Corn silage harvested	94	87	75	84	NA
Fall & Winter Apples harvested	55	61	59	43	NA
Grape acreage harvested	75	72	73	60	NA
Other hay 3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting	90	89	89	83	NA
Potatoes harvested	88	89	87	77	NA
Processing tomatoes harvested	96	93	92	92	NA
Soybeans dropping leaves	97	97	95	89	83
Soybeans mature	78	84	79	53	NA
Soybeans harvested	33	39	42	14	17
Sugarbeets harvested	27	1	NA	15	NA
Tobacco harvested	95	96	93	90	NA
Tobacco stripped	8	6	4	NA	NA
Winter wheat planted	40	38	37	9	50
Winter wheat emerged	9	2	4	1	23

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY OCTOBER 6

CORN	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	28	31	29	11	1
Previous Week	28	32	29	10	1
Previous Year	5	11	29	41	14
HAY	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	22	28	34	15	1
Previous Week	27	34	28	10	1
Previous Year	2	10	34	44	10
PASTURE	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	26	31	32	11	0
Previous Week	35	34	26	5	0
Previous Year	3	16	36	37	8
SOYBEANS	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	23	29	36	11	1
Previous Week	23	30	35	11	1
Previous Year	3	10	29	43	15
LIVESTOCK	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	2	4	33	51	10
Previous Week	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Previous Year	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY OCTOBER 6

	Temperature		Precipitation				Growing Degree Days <sup>1/</sup>			
Region	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.
Northwest	68.2	11.1	0.41	-0.25	18.60	-2.81	111	40	3301	357
North Central	68.7	11.5	0.28	-0.45	20.30	-1.90	114	45	3282	382
Northeast	67.6	11.5	0.20	-0.68	22.48	-0.99	107	43	3017	285
West Central	69.5	11.6	0.49	-0.30	23.41	0.42	121	45	3454	385
Central	69.5	11.3	0.61	-0.15	22.51	-0.91	117	39	3438	338
Central Hills	68.5	11.7	0.44	-0.29	21.86	-1.63	112	42	3247	371
Northeast Hills	67.9	10.9	0.33	-0.37	20.77	-2.57	108	38	3255	340
Southwest	69.8	10.8	0.52	-0.28	28.29	3.98	121	39	3599	361
South Central	70.2	11.0	0.43	-0.16	23.75	0.67	122	38	3613	334
Southeast	69.0	11.1	0.60	-0.03	23.37	0.00	116	40	3421	335
STATE	68.9	11.2	0.45	-0.27	22.64	-0.46	115	41	3377	348

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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